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Strange death for man who attempted to rape his ex-girlfriend

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Ugonyi

A few days to Christmas, a 27-year-old man was beaten to **death** after attacking his estranged girlfriend who refused to have sex with him, reports TOYOSI OGUNSEYE

No one knew what came over Emmanuel Nwenkwagu that night. Was he on drugs?

Was he suddenly insane?

These were some of the questions being asked by many after they heard what he did.

Nwenkwagu, 27, was popular in the Liasu Road, Ikotun, Lagos, neighbourhood for his generosity. Everyone who knew him said

that the rice-seller never turned anyone that needed help away. In fact, he often sold his goods on credit to people who could not afford to pay immediately, allowing them to pay when they had the means.

It therefore came as a shock to people that knew him when they heard that Nwenkwagu veraciously attacked his former girlfriend, Ngozi Ugonyi, and almost killed her in the process.

According to the story, prior to the attack, Ugonyi had broken her relationship with the trader. Despite that, Nwenkwagu still felt he had an issue to settle with her, and he had gone to visit Ugonyi in the midnight of December 22, 2010. Ugonyi was preparing to go to vigil after her meal of noodles and did not lock the door of her sister's one-room apartment.

When Nwenkwagu entered her room, he met her eating the noodles and insisted on sharing the meal with her, Ugonyi said. The 18-year-old lady was initially taken aback when she saw him in her room at a late hour, but decided to allow him join in the meal.

No sooner had Nwenkwagu stepped in than he showed the real intent of his visit, as he allegedly pounced on his ex-girlfriend. According to Ugonyi, her former boyfriend was ready to **rape** and kill her that night.

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She said, "On December 22, 2010 at about 12.00am, I was in the house when Nwenkwagu, my ex-boyfriend, came into my sister's room and met me. I inquired from him his mission at that odd hour. Unknown to me, Nwenkwagu had locked the door after him immediately he entered the room."

Ugonyi, an SSS 3 student of Olorunfemi Senior Secondary School, Idimu, Lagos, said that after bolting the door, Nwenkwagu undressed and placed his clothes on her pile of school books.

She adds, "He switched off the light and started fondling me. He said that I had been preventing him from sleeping with me but that I was not going to escape from him that night."

That was when the assault began. According to Ugonyi, her estranged boyfriend almost tore her apart with his teeth, "He slapped me twice, pounced on me and started biting me all over. He said that if he did not kill me, he wouldn't let go. He gave me a bite on my left nipple, and almost chopped off my right ear with his teeth. He went on to bite my neck, mouth, cheeks and left finger. He even banged my head on the bed."

The secondary school student who is currently lying critically ill with multiple injuries at a private clinic in Ikotun says that Nwenkwagu also tore her night gown. "He tore off my underwear to enable him to have access to my breasts. He forcefully removed my nightgown so that he could rape me."

While all these were going on, Ugonyi, a native of Abia State, said she screamed and this attracted her neighbours at their No. 1, Modupe Shitta Street, Liasu Road, who gathered in front of the room but could not enter because it was locked.

Ugonyi, who came to Lagos in 2008 to live with her elder sister and continue her education, said that she struggled to shove him off. "I stood up with so much pain, attempting to leave the room. When I was trying to open the door, he tried to hold me back, but I managed to open the door, stepped out and fell down unconscious."

Some of the neighbours who stood outside the room where the assault took place rushed Ugonyi to the hospital when they saw the critical state she was in. The first hospital where she was taken to refused to admit her because they were not sure she would survive her injuries. The second hospital (name withheld) however accepted and admitted her in its emergency ward.

The doctor who attended to her, Dr. Kayode Koyeso, told the police "I had attended to Miss Ugonyi who was brought to the clinic as an emergency around 3.10am on December 22. She sustained multiple injuries on the ears, neck, chin, cheeks, lips and fingers. She has a swollen face, neck, mouth on examination as a result of assault from a **man**."

While some of the neighbours took Ugonyi to the hospital, others allegedly descended on Nwenkwagu, giving him the beating of his life. He did not survive the beating however, as he allegedly died on the spot before the police could get there.

Some neighbours were subsequently arrested by the police, among whom were Messrs Segun Adeleye, Ademola Aliu, Cajetan Ilokasi, Christian Chima and Abel James. They all denied any participation in the beating of the deceased. According to them, they only came to rescue Ugonyi from her assailant when they heard her screaming and met Nwenkwagu already dead.

Ugonyi however said that Nwenkwagu was alive when she left him. "It was our neighbours that beat him. I could not fight him. I only managed to leave the room naked. He was naked, too, because he tried to **rape** me; but he did not succeed."

The Public Relations Officer of the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, however said that the murder of Nwenkwagu could not be treated with levity. According to him, there must be a reasonable explanation of how he died. He said, "All the neighbours are saying that they did not touch him, while the girl in the hospital is saying that they were the ones that beat him. Unfortunately, the **man** is dead; but we will get to the root of this matter. Investigations are ongoing. We however implore the public to be more conscious of their security."

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